

SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2009

A. Welcome/Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order on September 17, 2009, at the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Chicago, Illinois. Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order.

Persons attending: Cara Smith, Michael Bednarz, Dick Winkler, Verlin Meinz, Harry Reed, Sheryl Essenberg, Alyssa Williams-Schafer, Carol Corgan, Jessica O'Leary, Alesia Crockett, David Johnson, Tracie Newton, Amy Campanelli, Steve Goytia, Mickie Owens

Excused members: Shauna Boliker, Jerry Isikoff, Jeff Brown, Cheri Miller

Unexcused members: Jack Cutrone, Catherine Haberkorn, Mike Scholz, Rena Van Tine,

B. Discussion of SVP Standards and Guidelines

Board members were asked to review the SOMB evaluation guidelines, Administrative Rules, Chapter 20, part 1905. Cara Smith asked the members if the guidelines need to be updated. Michael Bednarz response was the standards are okay. The tools may need to be updated, such as the Static 99, most are using Static 2009. Alyssa Williams-Schafer agreed the earlier tools mostly look at the dynamics and should consider adding risk factors. Everyone was in agreement that the educational requirements should change. Providers should be required to have more than a BA. Michael agreed and added that most Department of Human Services (DHS) providers are PsyD or have PhDs.

Cara inquired are Static 99 required for pre-release. The response was in Sexually Violent Persons cases the answer is yes, but not in pre-release. Cara follow up questions were do we need to amend them and do a specific section for SVP? Michael agreed to review the guidelines with DHS staff and Affiliated Psychologist. Cara suggested that Jerry Isikoff and Jessica O'Leary participate as well.

C. Discussion of Child Pornography and the Risk of Hands on Offending

Michael Bednarz discussed the study, "The Criminal Histories and Later offending of Child Pornography Offenders" by Michael C. Seto and Angela W. Eke. This study identified 201 adult male child pornography offenders from police databases and examined their charges or convictions after the initial child pornography offenses, with attention to potential predictors of later offenses.

The initial study sample consisted of persons listed on the Ontario Sex Offender Registry (Canada) who had ever been convicted for the possession, distribution, or production of child

pornography since the inception of the registry in April 2001. Nonviolent offenses consisted of a charge or conviction for offenses that did not involve direct contact with a person. Child pornography and noncontact sexual offenses were also counted in this category. Two-thirds of the subjects (n=135) had only child pornography index offenses; the remainder were convicted of other kinds of offenses at the time they were adjudicated for a child pornography offense. Thirty-four offenders (17 percent) offended again during the follow-up period, an average of 2.5 years. Four percent committed a new contact sexual offense. Child pornography offenders with prior criminal records were significantly more likely to reoffend in any way during the follow-up period. Child pornography offenders who had committed a prior or concurrent contact sexual offense were the most likely to reoffend, either generally or sexually.

There was a brief discussion regarding HB4169. Steve Goytia mentioned it at the March 2009 meeting. It was signed on August 11, 2009. The Board agreed to continue to keep child pornography on their radar.

A copy of the study was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting.

D. Provider Services Letter Update

Alesia Crockett discussed the Provider Services letter that was sent on September 9, 2009, via mail, to 360 SOMB (non-IDOC) approved providers. Each provider is asked to respond by September 25, 2009. A total of 56 responses have been received. The purpose of the letter was to conduct a preliminary survey of the services provided and the number of clients served.

E. New Business

Carol Corgan discussed the “End Demand” invite that was distributed to the Board. The event was held on the day of the meeting in Chicago, at the Hyatt Regency, sponsored by the Chicago Alliance against Sexual Exploitation. The purpose of the event is to transform our State’s response to prostitution and sex trafficking.

Carol asked the Board if they would be interested in a representative from “End Demand” attending the next meeting. All present agreed to invite a representative to the October 15, 2009 Board meeting. Carol agreed to host the meeting at ICASA’s Springfield location.

F. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held in Springfield at 10am on October 15, 2009 at ICASA.

The Board adjourned